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TRANSCRIPT

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¹ Lulu: something amazing or spectacular.

² FDC: Fire Direction Center; position in the artillery.